



# [locked/work] more on the handedness thing



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So I'm thinking (and baking bread, but mostly thinking).

There's a strong correlation between handedness and you-know-what, and there's something else I noticed. Which is that those of us who converted young tend to have really simple, straightforward manifestations. The real type example there is HM, right? But my stage one was really straightforward, too--it's really just *thinking better*. So if Hope was *physically better*, and I was *thinking better*, and then you look at Grossman and Greenwood...

That's the host's influence, right? Kids are straightforward. Adults are nuanced. Kids have simpler mythologies. Simpler mythology means simpler manifestation.

And I was thinking about what went on with my handedness when I was a kid--I was a lefty, and got it hammered out of me, but when I learned to write right-handed my left hand started doing mirror writing--and lefties tend to have less defined lateralization than righties.

Maybe strong lateralisation is a defense against *It*? That is supported by the way so many jammers have some kind of brain injury. Anecdotal, but suggestive, you know?

...am I going anywhere useful with this?

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This looks like a  
good idea.

This...

Little guy's not  
bad.

Gotta teach DHay

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I don't know if I'd say Greenwood's manifestation was simple. She wanted to be thin, so she got thin; but her ability to make *other* people thin is pretty complex when you combine it with her own weight loss. But then, Greenwood was older at conversion than Grossman, who was older (as far as we know) than HM or you. So by your theory, it makes sense that her manifestation seems to involve a more complex mythology.

Handedness--so it might not be about left-handedness so much as it is the strength of lateralization? Someone who's strongly lateralized as a leftie would have as much protection as a right-handed person? That would help explain why we get a higher-than-representative number of lefties but not *exclusively* lefties, which has always been the sticking point with the handedness connection.



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You have a new harpy, Harpy!

I wondered, actually, if Grossman's ability to make other people thin might be a protective adaptation. Because the calories have to come from somewhere--If she was converting, and her obsessive loop was all about *get skinny*--well, in most cases, the It does that on its own.

You know, second time around, for me... my obsessive loop was about wanting to get away, to vanish, and there was a, an obvious metaphor right there in front of me. [Okay, this is me not deleting that last sentence. Still not deleting it. Not deleting it again. Moving on now.]

I think for somebody strongly lateralized as a lefty to get the same protection--you might have to destroy the entire left hemisphere. Or it might have to be a unique case where *everything* that's normally handled by the left brain is over on the right, including language and logic functions.

Which, as you know, would be unusual. Lefties don't just have their brain in backwards, after all.

That said, however, I think you might be right about the handedness versus lateralization connection. It's never been diagnostic, just suggestive. And even being strongly resistant doesn't mean total protection... as far as we know.

Oh, meh. This means more time in the bangy headache tube, doesn't it?



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I'd really like to know how all this correlates to people with [mirror movement disorders...](#)



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You know how bad we need a neurologist?

Oh, budgetary woes, how you thwart me.



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Word, brother, word.

'Specially since the scientific community takes a squinty-eyed view of researchers who experiment on themselves. \*g\* But given our small subject pool, I guess you gotta do the bangy-tube and damn the scientific protocols. At least you know you've got informed consent.

(Sort of sideways to the tube, I purchased you an mp3 copy of the new Carnivaleros album. Disk on your desk. Some songs you might like. In case, you know, listening to new tunes doesn't interfere with the processes being watched.)



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I don't fit sideways in the tube. Too tall.

Ooo. MUSIC.



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It's nice to know I've left the safety of the nation in good hands.



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We will protect it WITH OUR BRAINS!

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Unlike what some people seem to be using for the job. \*g\*